



## Plaça Alfons Comín: an example of social transformation and positive energy buildings in Fondo, Santa Coloma de Gramenet

24th of April | 16:00-18:00 CET  
Sala Cotxeres, Palau Robert, Pg. De Gràcia, 107, Barcelona

Join us for a special event celebrating the unveiling of a new social housing project in Plaça Alfons Comín located in the Fondo neighbourhood of Santa Coloma de Gramenet, which has been designed based on the **Sustainable Plus Energy Neighbourhood (SPEN)** concept from the [EU-funded syn.ikia project](#). This innovative pilot project will set an example of social sustainability and energy efficiency in affordable housing.

The positive energy neighbourhood in Fondo is an urban regeneration project featuring 38 housing units built by INCASÒL (Government of Catalonia) and managed by the Catalan Housing Agency. **Housing Europe** invites you to this afternoon public event bringing together stakeholders and experts in sustainable urban development and housing across the EU, Spain and Catalunya.

The event will be a unique opportunity to learn more about how to develop sustainable neighbourhoods with surplus of local renewable energy and discuss with **other fellow SPEN projects in Austria, Norway and the Netherlands about the potential of SPEN** in decarbonising the social, public housing sector while ensuring social cohesion and liveable urban spaces. We will discuss the opportunities, challenges and solutions that have led to the successful completion of these lighthouse projects.

You will also be able to enjoy an outdoor exhibition about the project and follow the whole journey of the SPEN creation.

### About the [syn.ikia project](#)

syn.ikia is an EU-funded project under the Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation programme. Our mission in syn.ikia is to increase the share of sustainable neighbourhoods with surplus renewable energy, resilient and affordable living places and communities in different contexts, climates and markets in Europe. Our neighbourhoods will achieve more than 100% energy savings, 90% renewable energy generation triggered, 100% GHG emissions reduction, and 10% life cycle costs reduction, compared to NZEB levels.

# Programme

16:00 - 16:10

## WELCOME AND OPENING

Maria Sisternas, Director of Institut Català del Sòl (INCASOL)

16:10 - 16:20

## SUSTAINABLE PLUS ENERGY NEIGHBOURHOODS AS DRIVERS OF URBAN REGENERATION

Niki Gaitani, syn.ikia Project Coordinator, Norwegian University of Science and Technology - NTNU

16:20 - 16:50

## THE POTENTIAL OF SOCIAL & AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SUSTAINABLE PLUS ENERGY NEIGHBOURHOODS

- Julien Dijol, Policy Director at Housing Europe
- Jose Maria Escolastico, Vice-president of Asociación de Gestores de Vivienda y Suelo (AVS), Deputy Director Viviendas Municipales de Bilbao
- Manuel Marín, Tècnic de Rehabilitació i Millora de l'Habitatge de l'Agència de l'Habitatge de Catalunya.
- Toni Suarez Pizarro, Deputy Mayor of Urban Planning, Housing, Environment and Energy at Santa Coloma de Gramenet City Council

16:50 - 17:15

## FONDO, THE SUSTAINABLE PLUS ENERGY NEIGHBOURHOOD IN SANTA COLOMA DE GRAMENET

- Carles Mas, Project Coordinator, Institut Català del Sòl (INCASOL)
- Jaume Salom, Group Leader of Thermal Energy and Building Performance, Institut de Recerca en Energia de Catalunya (IREC)

17:15 - 18.00

## PANEL DISCUSSION | WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BUILD A SUSTAINABLE PLUS ENERGY NEIGHBOURHOOD?

moderated by Housing Europe

- Ole-Edvin Utaker, ARCA NOVA – Norwegian demonstrator
- Thijs van den Oord, AREA wonen – Dutch demonstrator
- Inge Strassl, Salzburger Institut für Raumordnung und Wohnen (SIR) – Austrian demonstrator
- Joan Estrada INCASOL – Catalan demonstrator

## CLOSING

18:00 - 19:00

## NETWORKING COCKTAIL

## REGISTRATION



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